

YANKALILLA

In September 1836 Colonel William Light walked from Second Valley to Yankalilla and spent five days at Yankalilla, surveying and exploring the surrounding countryside. In his journal he wrote, "I was enchanted with this spot, it put me in mind of some of the orchards in Devonshire, and I found it plentifully supplied with fresh water." Settlers began arriving in Yankalilla in 1842, and before many years it was a thriving community. The District Council of Yankalilla was proclaimed on 5th April 1854. At this time Thomas Willson bought land in Yankalilla and subdivided it into allotments, and on 9th September 1857 Yankalilla was declared a township.

NORMANVILLE

Normanville takes its name from Robert Norman, who, with his wife Sarah, infant son and mother, arrived in Adelaide in 1844 aboard the *Taglioni*. Norman was the first dental surgeon in colony and he set up his home at North Adelaide. His brother-in-law, Septimane Herbert, and his family were already in Australia, living at Yankalilla. Robert Norman had purchased land before coming to Australia, and subsequently bought more land, and by the early 1850s he owned approximately 800 acres in the area. Norman announced his intentions to form a township. Township blocks were surveyed in 1855. A million bricks were made from clay from the banks of Bungala, and a blacksmith shop, a hotel, a church, and houses were built, and land was offered for a police station and for approaches for the proposed jetty.

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OTHER NOTABLE BUILDINGS INCLUDE

Fergusson's Mill*

The Court House

Mary MacKillop school house

St Peter's Church

Yankalilla Uniting Church

Agricultural Hall

The Olives*

Robert Norman's house and chapel

* *Denotes listed on the State Heritage Register*

Information on these buildings is available from the Yankalilla & District Historical Society Inc. A member of the Society is in attendance at the Yankalilla Community Library on Wednesday mornings, 10am to 12 noon, to assist with enquiries.

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YANKALILLA DISTRICT Heritage Trail



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**HERITAGE TRAIL
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1. Bungala House - c 1891

The oldest part of the house was built about 1855. It was extended in the 1860s by Eli Butterworth, who with his brother, operated a flour mill on the adjacent block. The side wings were added by Fred Malcolm Graham in 1891.

2. Post Office - c 1870

Three Post Offices have stood on this site. The first was a stone building, built about 1870, which was later damaged by an earthquake and was demolished. The second was built in 1910 by local builder George Roads. The present post office was built in 1964.

3. Council Chambers - c 1900

The District Council of Yankalilla was proclaimed on 5th April 1854. Meetings were held in various buildings in Yankalilla and Normanville until 1864, when Council Chambers were built on land donated by Thomas Willson.

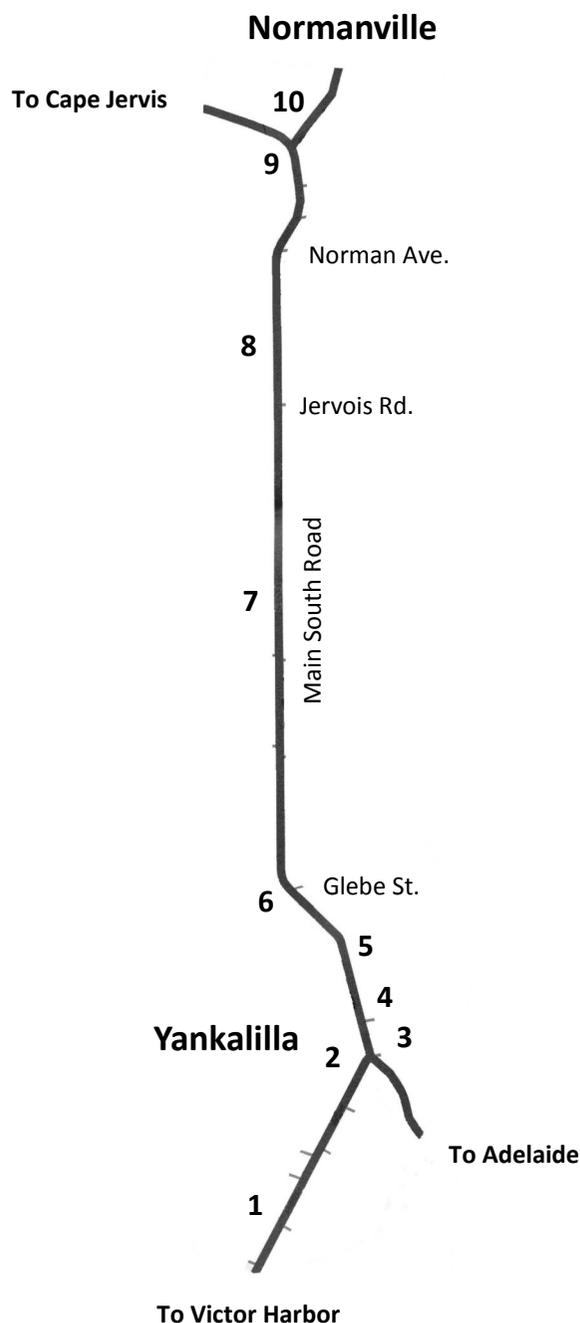
4. Yankalilla Hotel - c 1930

Built in 1864 by Thomas Willson, who let it out to various licensees. He eventually sold the hotel and 40 acres of land in 1901 to R.H. Raye for £1,800.

5. Yankalilla Institute - c 1930

Home of the Yankalilla Institute. Over the years the building has been used by many businesses, including a dressmaker, a bootmaker, a library, and a stock and station agent.

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6. Christ Church - c 1909

The church opened on July 7, 1857. The church hall was originally a Day School, and was built in 1871. Both buildings are State Heritage listed.

7. Wissanger School - c 1890

Built in the late 1850s, Wissanger School was the first public school in the district. In 1956 the building became part of Yankalilla Area School, and in 1976 it became the "Yankalilla Community Annexe". The Annexe closed in 2013, bringing to an end more than 150 years as an educational institution.

8. Normanville Wesleyan Church - c 1909

Built in 1854 on land donated by Nelson Leak. The church closed in 1949, and was sold to the RSL in 1952. The adjoining cemetery is one of the oldest in the district, and in it are buried family members of some of the early settlers.

9. John Fowler's cottage - c 1860

Bootmaker, John Fowler, lived in a thatched cottage near the Bungala River in Normanville from about 1857 to 1873. He transferred his business to Yankalilla, where he lived until his death in 1905.

10. Normanville Hotel - c 1920

Built by Robert Norman in 1851. In the early years it was used not only as a hotel but as a venue for public meetings. The first meeting of the Yankalilla District Council was held in the hotel.